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1st, 2nd, 3rd November

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Union (if a student please state your college or school)

Do you want us to arrange free accommodation for you?

Yes ☐

No ☐

If you need to use the creche please state the ages and number of children

(Make cheques and postal orders payable to SWP)

Marxism '96 takes place in the
ATGWU Hall, Middle Abbey Street in
central Dublin on Friday 1st to Sun-
day 3rd November.

The price of a weekend ticket for
Marxism '96 is £6.00 (£2.50
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evening entertainments.

Free accommodation can be ar-
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of Dublin SWP members — bring a
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October 15th

Return completed booking forms with
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Any queries telephone:
(01) 872 2682

Throughout the weekend the
Bookmarx bookstall will have a
huge selection of socialist books
and pamphlets.

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ONE hundred and fifty years ago Karl Marx declared that only a revolution could solve the problems of humanity.

Because it was based on profit not human need, the capitalist system would create huge wealth for a tiny minority and growing misery and impoverishment for the majority.

According to Marx, humanity was faced with a choice—"Socialism or Barbarism."

As we move towards the millennium, Marx's ideas have never been more relevant.

We are told in Ireland that the economy is booming. Yet unemployment remains at almost 300,000. People coming out of school or college face the prospect of the dole or else miserable low-paid Mc Jobs.

Those in work find themselves under constant pressure to make sacrifices and accept worsening conditions.

But some are benefiting. The politicians are planning to give themselves a £10,000 pay rise.

Crooks like Larry Goodman,

ripped the tax-payer off for millions but has had his fines, legal expenses and Hotel bills paid by the tax-payer.

Is it any wonder with this kind of injustice that crime and drugs are rampant in working class areas.

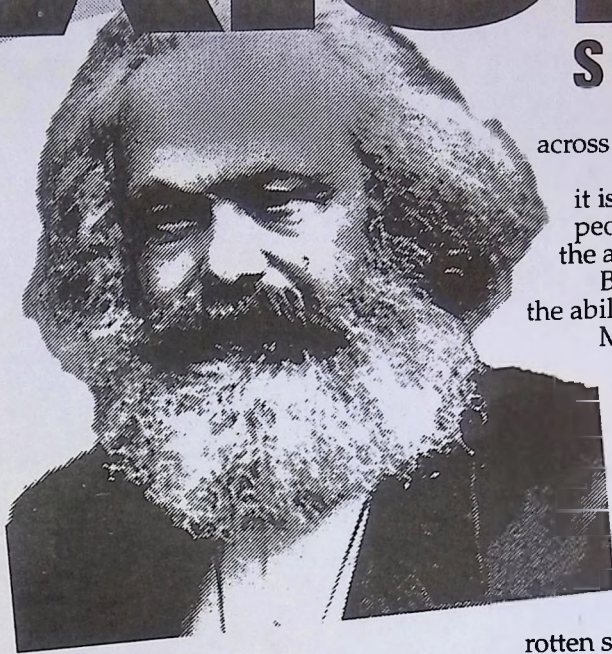
In the North, after the hopes for peace generated by the ceasefire sectarianism is on the rise again.

Bigots like Trimble, Paisley and the Orange Order, backed by the RUC, have deliberately tried to whip up sectarianism and derail the peace.

The Tory government have backed them by putting every obstacle in the way of real negotiations and at the same time slashing jobs and services.

But the response of the Republicans is also bankrupt. Rather than challenge the sectarianism they accept all the talk about "two cultures" ensuring that the divisions and the prospect of conflict remain.

Around the world the situa-



tion is even worse. 40% of the world's population live on or below the poverty line. Diseases of poverty like TB, cholera, diarrhoea claim the lives of millions.

At the same time it is revealed that the world's 358 richest people own more wealth than 45% of the world's population.

Rather than invest in things people need, billions are spent on Arms giving rise to horrific wars

across the globe. Whether in work or in war it is always working class people who suffer because of the anarchy of the system.

But ordinary people have the ability to fight back.

Marx wrote, "Workers of all nations unite you have nothing to lose but your chains."

At Marxism 96 hundreds of socialists and people who want to see a different world will come together to discuss and debate how we can unite people to challenge this

rotten system and offer a real alternative.

Meetings will look at the experience of struggles past and present and draw out the lessons if we are to build the resistance in the future.

Marxism is the biggest event of its kind in Ireland.

If you are sick of the injustice and chaos of the system come along to Marxism to discuss how we can change it.



Michael Collins

Pat Stack, leading member of the British SWP and well known to socialists in Ireland, takes a look at the controversies surrounding Michael Collins.

Drugs and crime: How real is the crisis and what are the causes and solution? Vincent Browne, columnist with the *Irish Times*, community activists and health worker Mary Smith from the SWP debate the issue in a *Forum on drugs, crime and justice*.

Richard Lynn from his academic post at Coleraine, tried to make racism respectable by claiming that black people were less intelligent. Scientist Steven Rose, the award winning author of *The Making of Memory* exposes the bigotry behind such claims and unravels what genetics can't tell us about intelligence.

History Professor, Brian Manning looks at the *English Revolution and the Irish People*, and why what was progressive in England ended up so repressive in Ireland.

The bigotry of the Orange Marches and the collapse of the peace process has made many question if there ever can be any set-



Eamonn McCann

tlement in the North. Eamonn McCann, journalist and 1969 Civil Rights activist, looks at what has been happening in the North and the prospects for a different, socialist approach.

Lindsey German, author of *A Question of*

Class and editor of *Socialist Review*, asks why after so much talk of women's equality, women are still oppressed across the world.

Everyone from bosses to union leaders talks of the power of *globalisation*. Does it mean challenging that



Lindsey German

world system is more difficult?

Kieran Allen, author of *The Politics of James Connolly* and editor of *Socialist Worker* looks at the issues.

More and more workers are looking to the trade unions to fight back against attacks on their pay and conditions.

But can we make our leaders lead a fight? Brid Smith, shop steward and industrial correspondent of *Socialist Worker*, looks at *Trade unions, their leaders and the rank and file*.

Everybody seemed to be talking of revolution in the 1960s. Why did the tide turn? What has happened to the far-left since then? Leading SWP member Richard Boyd Barrett charts the lessons for today.



Kieran Allen



Brid Smith

highlights

OTHER MEETINGS INCLUDE:

- Social class and educational failure;
- Revolutionaries, elections and parliament;
- Darwin and theory of evolution

- What's so great about Shakespeare?
- Marx and religion
- The politics of abortion
- Art and revolution
- US elections—do they mean anything for American workers?
- The working class under Hitler
- Marx and Freud
- The politics of sport